



Billy Bradberry

Bradberry shares experience with industrial hemp

Daniel Richardson

With the recent buzz about the City of Clinton's new resolution in support of industrial hemp, and serious consideration at the state level for reintroducing hemp as a cash crop, many are discussing the idea of growing industrial hemp once again in western Kentucky. To many, the mere word "hemp" is associated solely with the psychoactive drug Marijuana. But to the older generation in Hickman County, the word brings back memories of toiling away in the hot fields, growing the crop to produce medicine for use overseas during World War II.

Anyone driving through Hickman County in the early 1940s would have seen plenty of industrial hemp growing on almost every farm, with workers young and old harvesting the bountiful plant for several different products. At that time, Hickman Countian Billy Bradberry worked extensively with the crop as a high school student.

"We grew it for the seeds," Bradberry said in an interview with *The Hickman County Gazette* last Friday. Bradberry explained that at the time, almost every farm in the area had a certain portion of the land dedicated to growing hemp. He explained that during World War II, farmers in western Kentucky grew hemp so that the seeds could be used in the production of medicine that was then sent to hospitals overseas.

Bradberry said that hemp was planted by hand in April or May, and harvested in the fall, and required more human labor than other crops grown in the area.

"When it bloomed," he said, "we would have to go through and break the blooms off the stalks from some of the rows and leave the blooms on other rows." He explained that it was his understanding that this process led to better pollination. Once the hemp was harvested, it was stacked in what he called "shocks." To make the shocks, he explained that one would take about four hemp stalks, which ranged from six to seven feet tall, and tie the tops together. These small stacks were combined to form the much larger shocks. The shocks were then left to dry for one to two weeks. This drying process made it easier to extract the seeds. One of Bradberry's favorite hemp stories is one he told

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Local Weather

Tue 2/5 49/32 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.

Wed 2/6 58/39 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Thu 2/7 60/39 Few showers. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.

Fri 2/8 55/38 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Sat 2/9 59/47 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 40s.

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Clinton to send letter of support of industrial hemp

Daniel Richardson

The Clinton City Council passed a motion at their meeting on Monday, Feb. 4, in support of the reintroduction of industrial hemp as a cash crop in Kentucky. After the lengthy resolution that Councilman Ivan Potter brought forth was tabled at the last meeting, a new motion was drafted. The new motion is simpler, as it reads: "A motion

to send a letter of support from this city council to Senators Rand Paul, Mitch McConnell, US Representative John Yarmuth, and Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer for the reintroduction of industrial hemp as a new cash crop and economic development jobs for Kentucky farmers and communities."

Paul, McConnell, Yarmuth, and Comer have all recently voiced their

support for industrial hemp in their respective assemblies. This letter, according to Potter, will let them know that the City of Clinton supports their efforts and hopefully when jobs do come to Kentucky as a result of reintroduction of industrial hemp, Clinton will be at or near the top of the list. The motion passed unanimously, and the Clinton City Council is now the first governmental unit in western

Kentucky to formally support the reintroduction of industrial hemp.

"Thank you for what you've done here tonight," Potter told the rest of the council. "It's important to the city and the farmers." Potter will work with Clinton City Attorney Leanna Wilkerson to draft the letter for the lawmakers.

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Photo by Jessica Cooley

CHAMPS - The Hickman County Jr. High Lady Falcons, shown above, claimed the district title for the second year running. They sealed their title with a win against Fulton County on Thursday, Jan. 31.

District champs, again

Jessica Cooley

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, and Thursday, Jan. 31 the Junior Lady Falcons traveled to Fulton City High School to take part in the First District Middle School Tournament. Victorious on both nights, the Jr. Lady Falcons claimed the district title for the second year in a row on Thursday over the Fulton County Jr. Lady Pilots.

On Tuesday night they faced the Fulton City Junior Lady Bulldogs.

The night's starters were Erica Kerney, Ally Samuels, Sarah Gardner, Jasmine Myatt, Alexis Burpo and LaTavia Thomas. The Jr. Lady Falcons used great teamwork and played with intensity and were aggressive, earning them the victory with a final score of 30-35. Top scorers for the Jr. Lady Falcons were: Burpo with 12 points, Gardner with eight, Myatt with six and Kerney with five.

The Jr. Lady Falcons returned to Fulton City High School on Thursday

night to compete for the district title against the Fulton County Jr. Lady Pilots. The night's starters were: Kerney, Myatt, Gardner, Thomas and Burpo. The game began with Kerney stealing the ball and drawing the foul with one free throw shot. Fulton County takes the ball down the court but loses it in a turnover to Hickman County. At the 2:20 mark of the first quarter the score was 3-2 with Hickman County

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Historical Society wall partially collapses

On Sunday, Feb. 3, locals were surprised to see a gaping hole in the exterior wall of the Hickman County Historical Society. According to Hickman County Emergency Management officially Scott Smith, the partial wall collapse was due primarily to deterioration in the brick and mortar as a result of long-term water damage. Local contractor Jimmy Lemons stated that there is no apparent damage to the structure of the building, and repairs should begin this week.

Clinton City Administrator Allen Poole weighed in on the collapse,

saying "One of our first priorities will be to protect the records that are stored in the building, and the City of Clinton will work with the Historical Society in whatever way we can to assist with that task."

Like other groups in the area, the Historical Society doesn't have the funds to purchase a new building or have the current building torn down to rebuild on the site.

"The Historical Society is really going to need the community's support and help as they try to determine what to do from here," Poole said.



Photos by Daniel Richardson

COLLAPSE - Part of the exterior wall on the Jefferson St. side of the Hickman County Historical Society collapsed Sunday, leaving the basement exposed.

Falcon Academy honors sponsors at luncheon

Sherry Roberts

More than 100 supporters of the

Falcon Academy met for a catered lunch and meeting at the Young Center Tuesday, Jan. 29. Kenny



Photo submitted by Mary Potter

AWARD - Hickman County Schools Superintendent Kenny Wilson (right) presents an award to Robbie Rudolph, who was a key figure in the establishment of Falcon Academy, and remains a key figure in the current and future success of the program.

Wilson, Hickman County Schools superintendent, welcomed and thanked the many supporters of the Falcon Academy. "You just won't find a school system any better than ours," he told Dr. Randy Dunn, president of Murray State University, and other post-secondary officials. "I say that because of our community and the people in this room who show they care."

Mr. Wilson went on to announce these impressive figures: This year thirty-seven seniors will have a total of 769 dual credit hours; sixty-four juniors will earn 380 dual credit hours this year; and the overall GPA of this year's HCHS Falcon Academy students is 3.35. The Falcon Academy was set up three years ago to encourage students to take dual credit courses. Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Rudolph helped get this program and the Four Rivers Scholarship established and, with help from other Falcon Academy sponsors, have helped pay the costs of students involved.

According to the Kentucky Commissioner of Education's blog, students who take dual credit courses in high school are 2.2 times more likely to enroll in higher education. In addition to that, students who took dual

credit courses are 1.7 times more likely to complete a college degree.

Mr. Wilson also discussed the WKCTC, MSU, and MCU courses our students are taking. Beyond the typical English, math, computer literacy, etc., students are now enrolled in Medical Terminology, Introduction to Culinary Arts, Introduction to Public Speaking, and Youth and Non-profit Leadership.

Monsanto representative, Brad Davis, presented Jerry Peery with checks totaling \$5,000 which will be used to offset Academy costs. Diane Owen, Hickman County supervisor of instruction, spoke about the training of teachers for the dual credit courses and the grant she will write for next year's Monsanto application. Darian Irvan, ag teacher at the high school, explained the renovation needed for the green house and several of the projects he hoped to carry out, especially if Hickman County were to receive next year's grant.

Mr. Wilson recognized and thanked the 43 sponsors who came to celebrate the success of HCHS Falcon Academy. If you would like more information about this program or how you might help, contact the Hickman County superintendent's office.

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Seavers tapes Ky. Afield segment in Hickman County



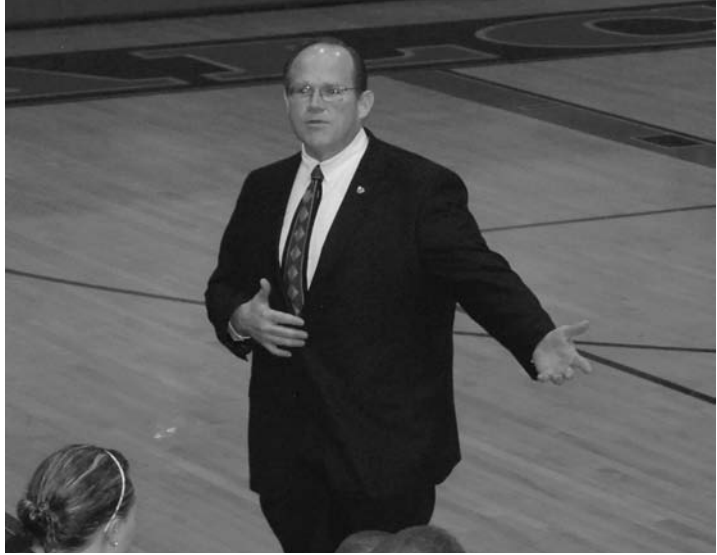
TRAPPING - Micah Seavers (right), of Seavers’ Beavers, points out the details of trapping beavers to Tim Farmer on a recent episode of Kentucky Afield



Ky. Supreme Court Justice Cunningham visits Clinton

On Wednesday, Jan. 30, Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Cunningham conducted his annual river county tour, coming to Clinton just before lunch. Ky. Court of Appeals Judge Shae Nickell and Circuit Court Judge Tim Langford accompanied Cunningham on the tour. Above: (from left) Hickman County Judge Executive Greg Pruit, Justice Bill Cunningham, Circuit Court Judge Tim Langford, Judge Hunter Whitesell, Hickman County Circuit Court Clerk Cinda Yates, Hickman County Attorney Sue Ellen Morris, and Judge Shae Nickell.

Cunningham also stopped by Hickman County High School and talked to students about potential careers associated with law and criminal justice. Right: Justice Cunningham speaks with Hickman County High School Student Chris Sander-son after his presentation. Bottom right: Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Shae Nickell, speaking to students about the role that the Court of Appeals plays in the justice system. Nickell compared the Court of Appeals to NFL officials that make corrections from the booth on questionable calls.



District Court

Not an official court docket

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on 2/4/13.

Susan J. Anderson. Speeding 19 Mph. Over Limit. Six Month. Diversion entered. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Dismissed on proof shown.

William E. Baker. No/Expired registration Plates. Poss. Of Marijuana. Op MV Under/influence of Alcohol/Drugs, etc. .08 1st off. Failure to Wear Seat belts. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 4/15/13.

Kadie E. Burpo. Public Intoxication Controlled Substance (Excludes Alc.). Poss. of Marijuana. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 2/18/13.

Jacob E. Harper. Improper Turning. Continued to 4/1/13. If no further reports, court will entertain dismissal. Rear License Not Illuminated. To show proof for dismissal.

Ryan C. Isom. Speeding 26 Mph. Over/Greater. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 2/25/13.

Johsua L. Lyman. Disregarding Stop Sign. Failure of Non-Owner Operator to

Maintain Req. Insurance, 1st. No/Expired Registration Plates. No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. Continue one week.

Terry Neal Moffitt. Giving Officer False Name or Address. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 2/11/13.

Eric Perry. Cruelty to Animals- 2nd Degree. 12 month diversion entered. Endangering Welfare of a Minor. County attorney moves to dismiss so ordered.

T h e r e s a Lyn Rhodes. No/Expired Registration Plates. Continued two weeks to 2/18/13. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Continued to 2/18/13.

Wendy Smith. Endangering the Welfare of a Minor. – 12 month diversion entered. Cruelty to animals- 2nd degree. County attorney moves to dismiss so ordered.

Terra H. Wasylenki. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Pleaded guilty. Sentenced to 30 days, conditionally discharged two

years. \$100 fine suspended. Failure to Wear Seat Belts. Informally divert.

Linda K. Galloway. Other Hearing. No action.

Kenneth W. Lyles. Other Hearing. Reinstate fine. Failed to pay diversion fee.

Jill A. Harper. Diversion completion. Dismissed.

James A. Langford. Diversion completion. Dismissed.

Cody A. Sowell. Show cause hearing. Assault 4th Degree Domestic violence Minor Injury. Cause shown.

Tracy Elaine Ferguson. Pretrial conference. Continued to 3/4/13.

Reginald Harper. Pretrial conference continued to 2/11/13.

Anthony R. Hollowell. Pretrial conference. Continued to 3/11/13.

Gene Allen Hunter. Operate MV u/Influ of Alc/Drugs w/.08 aggravator, 1st off. Pleaded guilty. Sentenced to 30 days, conditionally discharged two

Charlotte Smith

Micah Seavers of Pilot Oak was recently in Moscow in Hickman County, just outside of Cayce in Fulton County on a farm where he taped a segment of Kentucky Afield with host Tim Farmer. The episode aired on Saturday, Jan. 19.

We first learned of Micah Seavers of Seavers Beavers when he spoke to both the Clinton and Hickman Rotary clubs earlier last year. Since then, Micah has been busy trapping beavers and other wildlife damaging farmland in both counties and all over.

Last fall, Micah hosted a free trapping class in the shop out behind his home in Pilot Oak. He invited others with knowledge of trapping like Billy Nelms of Fulton and Dana Watkins, of Somerset, Ky., to speak to those interested in learning more about the outdoor activity.

Just like Micah, Farmer is all about educating everyone about trapping and how to do it safely. “He really wants to encourage more people to get involved with trapping,” said Micah. “He was pleased to learn that we are trying to educate people through our trapping class.”

“Western Kentucky has a lot to offer to those interested in trapping, hunting, and fishing,” stated Micah. “Tim is excited to help feature more of our area while showing people how fun it can be to use the outdoors to the best of their ability.” Micah explained to Tim how to set a beaver trap and what damage

the animals can cause.

The day before the taping, Micah set out 36 traps, and that night the water level rose three inches. “We didn’t find a beaver until my 25th trap,” stated Micah, sounding relieved.” It was the only one we found out of 36 traps.”

On the same day Tim taped Micah’s segment, he also taped one with Jimmy King, down in Cayce on duck hunting.

“Jimmy discussed the art of learning how to call ducks and duck hunting with Tim,” he said. “Both mine and Jimmy’s segments are available on You Tube.” You can also visit Micah’s Facebook page, Seavers Beavers and Wildlife Management.

Micah posts interesting information from time to time, including when his next trapping class might be, which could be in late spring. He also answers questions from those visiting his site, with some of the most popular questions asking if he has ever seen Bigfoot or mountain lions. “I get a lot of questions about skunks,” he added.

Micah has been trapping in this area for the last five years. The biggest beaver he has caught was 91 pounds. To put that into perspective he wants to remind everyone that the average beaver size is 35 to 50 pounds. “Beavers can live up to 13 years,” Micah noted. “Around here they average 55 pounds because their are no predators to stop them from having their fill and they grow with each year that they are

alive.”

Micah encourages everyone to take up trapping. “Don’t get discouraged if you don’t catch something every day,” he said. “It doesn’t happen like that. “It is a good, healthy activity and you get to experience the outdoors at the same time.”

Trapping entails a lot of walking and along the way Micah has found some really neat full arrowheads and some wood duck decoys from the 30s in Hickman County, just to name a few of his findings. He also uncovered some coins and old farm tools.

“There is so much you can do while trapping,” said Micah enthusiastically. “You can look for roots like ginseng and even scrap bark off of wild cherry trees.” The bark is used in things like holistic aspirin, Micah explained.

Micah is currently working on renovating his shop for his next trapping class that will involve more volunteers from across the state and other states.

“We want to keep it going and get the information out there for those who want it,” he said. “We want to talk to Boy Scout groups, too.”

In the works is a workbook that Micah is working on with high schools from central Kentucky. “The workbook, if they like it, will be part of their Wildlife Research and Development class. It will be available to everyone and will provide a basic over view of what you need to get started with trapping.”

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of an experience from his high school agriculture class.

“We got blueprints of a hemp beater from somewhere in Lexington,” he said, “and built the machine using a motor from a hay bailer.” He explained that the intended use of the hemp beater was to beat the seeds out of the hemp shocks that were laid on the machine and catch the seeds on a canvas underneath. “After we finished building it, we ran it to make sure it worked,” he said. The test runs went off without a hitch. “Then we ran the first shock on the machine. The shock was too big, and the machine locked up.”

Fortunately, there were other means to extract the seeds, even if the hemp beater was a bust. Bradberry explained that farmers would shake the seeds out of the dry stalks onto a large hemp sheet that was as big as a typical living room. The sheet



Hemp stalks drying on a Kentucky farm in the 1940s

would then be run through a combine to clean out any impurities.

“Mr. Sam Jackson had a tractor with a combine on the back,” he said, “and folks would bring their hemp from all over to run the seeds through the combine.”

Bradberry and his classmates received 35 cents per hour working with hemp, which they considered to be a good income.

He can still remember the sour smell of the hemp fields, and the stains it left on his hands and clothes when he went home for the day. After a few years of growing hemp, the order came to stop growing. “They quit needing it I reckon,” Bradberry said. After almost 70 years of being hemp free, only time will tell if the crop with the bad rap will be needed again.

Johnson completes therapy at Arbor Place

Mr. Randy Johnson, a Clinton resident, was admitted to Arbor Place of Clinton on November 26, 2012 following a decline in his general health and daily living skills. He had been hospitalized, transferred to a Rehab Hospital, then returned to his home. He then became weaker, fell several times, and found that he needed further rehabilitation.

Place, Randy was evaluated and treated by Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy. He received extensive rehabilitation to improve his safety, self-care of daily living tasks, transfer training, muscle strengthening, sequential memory, recall, and balance. His progress was remarkable and a Home Evaluation was conducted to ensure that Randy’s home environment was as safe as possible for his return.

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LOOK AT ME NOW - Randy Johnson, seated, recently took advantage of the Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy available at Arbor Place.

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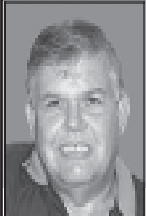
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My View

By Dennis Richardson

What now?

The Super Bowl has come and gone. I will have to admit that it was a good one to watch with all the momentum swings and the different scenarios with the brother coaches. I am happy for the Baltimore Ravens and for the Harbaugh brothers. They will have some good stuff to talk about for the rest of their lives.

The elder Harbaugh can boast of being the World Champions but the younger brother has nothing to hang his head about. Both teams put on quite a show and the 49ers came with five yards of winning Super Bowl

XLVII.

But now that the game has come and gone ... what next? I mean football is over for several months. I put my funny football tie to the back of the tie rack until next August.

There will be some fun basketball to watch, especially when the conference tournaments and then the NCAA tournaments get under way.

Major League baseball fans will have training camps coming right up and then the long baseball season.

There will be the other spring sports like tennis and softball, which will provide some good entertainment.

I am not complaining. It is just hard for me to believe that football has already come and gone. Personally, I could watch 'em play year-round.

Soon it will be spring training for the high school teams. Some schools will even have spring scrimmages and fans will get a glimpse of the year to come.

Congratulations to the Ravens. They are the Super Bowl champions. Congratulations also to the 49ers and especially to one local product, Patrick Willis. I remember watching Willis play at Hollow Rock-Bruceton not that long ago. He has done very well for himself and the community.

The Great Outdoors With Cory Ramsey

The Appalachian Trail is full of characters. Not hikers, characters. Each year, thousands of hopefuls attempt to thru-hike the whole thing from Georgia to Maine, and only one in four actually make it all the way. To do that, they have to trudge along most every day from March until October, up to 20 miles per in heat, insects, rain, snow, and wildlife, all with a kitchen sink or more on their back the whole time. Hurtful as that picture is, it's still on many a bucket list, including my own. I've only set foot on a foot of it near the Clingman's Dome in the Smokies. Maybe one day I'll add a foot or two more.

Back to the characters. To start, everyone uses a "trail name." Some wild description of who they are or who they think they'd want to become. Some names are even given by others after the first couple of weeks and finding out what kind of hiker they have on their hands. Whiners and shiners, fit and floppy, good, bad, and ugly, all trying to get to the end of the thing. Follow the trail to the core, and you're known as a "White Blazer." Fudge a little here and there with short-cuts, and you'll be termed a "Blue Blazer." Hitch-hike your way to Maine, and be labeled as "Yellow Blazer." White blazers hate the other two types, but everyone

dislikes the few that spend the entire seven months and 2200 miles chasing tail rather than the trail. Those characters carry the name "Pink Blazer." No joke.

Could you imagine, ladies, being approached on trail by a sweat soaked, unwashed, unshaven, wiry, long-haired, stinky breathed hiker asking for a number to a phone that you probably didn't pack in the first place? And who would want to kiss in a trail shelter? Twenty or so tired, sweaty, stinky hikers packed together like sardines, snoring and more while mice nibble at exposed digits (it happens). I'll pass.

Hikers lose their toenails on the AT within the first couple months, a product of the constant walking. There goes that pedicure you wanted to surprise her with. At least you'd have a candle-lit dinner, albeit macaroni and cheese (or Pop-Tarts) every...single...night.

I've tried to mix romance and hiking on the trail, but it never quite turns out as planned. For one, you see this pretty little thing all decked out in her store-bought hiker's outfit and forget all manner of wilderness observation. Entire hiking trips banished from my memory banks because I spent the bulk of the time looking at her, and I always allowed the lady to proceed first, with all due

respect. Keep your eyes on the trail, sir.

Lord help if I ever got around to kissing her! That was it. What else had I done that day? I can't even name the location where I had hiked! Just a puckered up set of lips, the taste of gloss, and shoulders held tight. That's it. I've had first dates on trails and last dates on trails, first kisses and last attempts. Promises made, and promises lost. The common thread always being the woods. Thank God for the woods. I can always count on the woods being the same, day after day, year after year. As for a girl, I can always count on her being different, day after day, year after year. No wonder the Bible says "It's better to live in the wilderness than to live with a contentious and irritable woman."

Happy Valentine's Day, and by all means, don't mix your woods and your woos together. Trust me, I speak from experience (if I could remember any of it...).

A word to the congregation of West Baptist Church in Hickman. "Joy cometh." You all are held in thoughts and prayers here in Bowling Green. A long road ahead, but a time of closeness that you never knew you had. Godspeed on your rebuild.



IN COURAGE BY BETH AMONETT

Star-Crossed Lovers; Politics and Religion

Surely I am mad as a hatter! Courage I have; brains—not so much. Otherwise, I would never stand in the line of fire between these two battering rams of contradiction. No, I do not mean they contradict each other for they are too similar. The contradictions lie within each body of "church and state". Yet, these star-crossed lovers are destined to go through time hand-in-hand while pointing fingers of blame and getting in the way of each other's highest aspirations. Locked in an angry, warring embrace, it is difficult to determine whether either are friend or foe. Mind you; they each have the best of intentions, I'm sure. I seesaw back and forth even bringing up either subject because they are explosive served up separately; but together could be nuclear. However, something happened just the other day that makes me want to speak my mind; at least, what I have figured out so far.

First, I abhor being stereotyped in matters of politics or faith, and I don't want to do that to others. I make a conscious effort to not. Second, religion is a term that I don't use anymore to describe my faith in God. I feel the term in context has been hijacked by our culture in a demeaning way, and faith is too important to be misunderstood or mocked by a negative and subconscious impression left by a movie, TV, or other media. It is a fact that for many today, the term religion evokes words like plastic, fake, or hypocrite. Like most of us, I am a messy, living and breathing disciple who still makes mistakes and must ask for help and forgiveness. I am a Christian, but not the perfect kind. As for politics, I am not

formally aligned with any man-made label of political affiliation. I am American and conservative. Stop that; don't put me in a Republican box!! I rile some of my Christian friends and certainly political ones to fully state my points of view.

For all the brouhaha concerning politics and religion, they have much in common. Think about it. Ministers and politicians possess a mostly identical skill set; belief, call to purpose, fervor, charisma, persuasion, dramatic presentation, service, etc. They have followers who like them; dissenters who don't. People switch back and forth all the time. And don't forget, they can both be voted out!

The political stage or church pulpit, each begin with a pure idea and intention on behalf of God and/or country. The kicker is that there are humans involved. In 1887, Lord John Acton wrote in a letter to a fellow Member of Parliament, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men." If this is tragically true, a pure idea with intent is perverted over time. It becomes confused, divided, and it doesn't take long until no one can remember the original form. It happens all the time.

World governments and nations will rise and fall as history has shown. However, the Kingdom of God will not change or fall, so it is inevitable that, try as we will to keep them separate, politics and religion are opposite sides of the same coin. One side represents the world and one the Kingdom. Authentic is the word of caution at this juncture.

My 12 year old grandson spent this past weekend with me. In his history class, they have

been studying world religions. I am amazed at the depth of his knowledge! They have studied to date Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism; they are now studying Christianity. Hindu is one of the oldest religions and one which gives us the wise Mahatma Gandhi who made this statement, "I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." Ouch!

I have a friend who went to her Bible class and someone got up and left when she walked into the room because they hold different political views. Another loved and respected long-time friend stated this week in our conversation that Republicans just "did not want to do anything to help the poor"! I asked her if there were not even one Republican who cared about those who need help. The truth sat between us like the proverbial cat out of the bag. We are a deeply divided nation in many ways and the dialogue of the media has become our own.

Should political opinions determine how we live out our faith in the world? I can only answer that question for myself; as can you. Should we make no conscious decision, one will be made by default. Change is not always a bad thing, and we have many changes going on world-wide. Should there be a coin toss during our lifetime, we should decide ahead of time where we stand.

Until next week . . . in courage, my friend.

All comment and opinions are welcomed and sent to bethamonett@gmail.com. Also, please friend me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bethamonett. You can never have too many friends.

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Griffith appears eager to begin her work with the city. Todd will help complete Griffith's training for the clerk position.

Griffith's working hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., a 20-hour work week, with pay set at \$7.50 per hour.

A new telephone number, 677-2092, with an answering machine, is now operative at the office. Griffith said the drop slot for paying bills is also available for customers.

"Please be patient with me," Griffith told the council and the

five townspeople at the meeting, "I'm still learning. I know I can't please everybody, but I'm going to work hard to help people understand and to work out any problems."

Deadbolt locks will also be installed at the building as well as repairs made to the outside lighting.

Council member Vanessa Lightner asked that a third person be selected to sign city checks, as a further safeguard of city funds, and that another council member also be trained as a back-up person for the

incoming clerk. No action was taken on either request.

Member Kim Ferguson asked that the city maintain a ledger book, "something on paper," she said. "It all needs to be listed, exactly what comes in compared to what goes out. There's nothing to see, if I wanted to see those balances." Mayor Frizzell pledged to institute that practice, with the incoming clerk.

Discussion was held about the discrepancy in water bills; water customers had been informed they would be billed for water usage under 2,000 gallons at a flat rate of \$30. Subsequent action by the council changed that flat-rate fee to \$25 for usage of 1,000 or fewer gallons, a change which continues to confuse customers. No per-gallon amount for water usage over either under-1,000-gallons or under-2,000-gallons was agreed on by council members.

"We'll work through this," Griffith said. "And it will take us time to figure out whether we have glitches in our (software) system or leaks (at customers' homes), but we'll work this out."

There was also discussion among those present about ways to raise money to add funds to the city coffers, with suggestions of food sales and bingo evenings. Kim Ferguson was asked to investigate the feasibility of the city sponsoring such evenings and set-up costs for such events.

Donnie Bruer with the Columbus Fire Department asked the council to consider selling to the fire department the property where the old school building was located. The department proposes to build a new station on that property and use the current building as a fire training center. The council agreed to discuss this request at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10.



RAM HUNT - Emma Whitlock killed her first coriscan ram at Wildforest Whitetails in Mayfield on Saturday, Feb 2. The hunt was guided by Sam brown. She is the daughter of Andy and Karen Whitlock.

Seaton talks safety at Arbor Place

Jessica Cooley

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, Snapper Seaton Clinton Police Chief visited Arbor Place of Clinton to talk to the residents about the topic "How to Stay Safe if an Active Shooter is on the Premises".

He first addressed the staff warning them, "watch for indications and be aware." He gave everyone tips on what to do if the event occurs.

"The first thing to do is find the most reasonable way to protect your own life," says Seaton. "Try to prevent others

from entering the area in which the shooter is located."

Arbor Place has their doors locked at a certain time every night and Seaton commented that was a plus. He also said, "There needs to be an escape route that everyone knows." In the case of an active shooter, he also advised to the residents, "go in your room and lock your door."

The residents gained a sense of safety awareness. Seaton will soon visit ICF to explain to them what to do in the case of an emergency such as an active shooter on the premises.



Clinton Police Chief Snapper Seaton

Clinton

From Pg. 1

In Clinton City Administrator Allen Poole's report, he stated that Clinton should be the first city on the list for Murray Paving this spring. The company had been contracted to do some work in Clinton in the fall, but had to postpone the work until April.

Poole also reported that the Clinton Police Department has purchased a used police cruiser from Missouri State Police. In January's meeting, Poole had estimated that the total acquisition cost of \$14,500. The actual cost of purchasing the car and adding stripes and equipment was only about \$14,000.

He also informed the council that planning for the Chicken Festival is underway, and that the primary responsibility of

the City of Clinton is to make it possible for the vendors to have access to more electricity.

Clinton Police Chief Snapper Seaton gave a report on behalf of the police department. He told council members that the new patrol car is a huge asset to the department. He also took the opportunity to commend the city's police officers for their diligence. He said that this month has been unusually busy, and the officers have often worked off the clock to continue the increased presence in the school.

Before adjourning, discussion rose about the recent collapse of part of the exterior wall at the Hickman County Historical Society. Potter, who also serves as a president of the Historical Society, noted that the major

concern is the records stored inside the building, some dating back to the 1920s. The building is more than 150 years old and the wind and water have done their best to bring it down, Potter said. Clinton Mayor Tommy Kimbro told Potter that the records can be stored temporarily in the city hall building, as long as the city doesn't have to take on any additional liability.

"That's one of the greatest collections of records in the state," Potter told *The Hickman County Gazette* after the meeting. He noted that Hickman County was the first county in the Purchase Area, and the Hickman County Historical Society is a treasure trove for area historians and genealogists.

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CommunityNews

Area Obituary

Linda Allison

Linda Hanley Allison, 61, of Clinton, Ky. died at 8:04 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, 2013 at Parkway Regional Hospital in Fulton.

She was a member of Springhill Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband of 31 years, Joe Allison; and two sons, Blake Allison and Scott Allison, both of Clinton.

Her parents were Robert “Bob” and Jane Hutcherson Hanley.

Memorial services were at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Wickliffe. Revs. Chris Clark and Scott Wilkins officiated, with burial in Springhill Cemetery.



SENIOR CHATTER with Tammi

CANASTA tournament is February 7 at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center! \$5 a person! Sign up at the door! The winners get their money back plus a free potato dinner! The proceeds of the tournament go to buy new toilets for the Senior Center! Thank you for supporting our seniors!

The WKAS will be hiring our new Title V person to be trained in our senior facility this week. I will let you know next week who they picked to help us in our Adult Day Care. We are blessed to have seniors that want to acquire additional workforce skills to help our community prosper and at the same time help us out.

If you would like to be an escort driver to take a senior to a doctor’s appointment or to work in our facility as a fill in position please come by and give me your name and number. I will have to have a current TB skin test from you and I will sign you up for CPR and First Aid. If you have both of these already I will do a criminal background check on you and you can be an escort or work on an as needed basis if all paper work gets turned

into me and checks out.

It is so cold and the seniors in our community need your help! Please donate a blanket/heater to the seniors. If you are a senior and need a blanket or heater please contact the senior center. We are gathering these items now and we are sending them to seniors that have requested them.

We are in the process of gathering bids for central heat and air, Ansul system, windows, computers, and carpet for the senior center. If you want to submit a bid or would like to donate your time to install, please feel free to contact us at (270) 653-4314.

We are sponsoring a corn hole tournament in our building at the end of February. We are leaving a sign up sheet in our foyer if you are interested. Also, we will let you know more details in next week’s paper. If you want us to put your name down just call us at (270) 653-4314.

Aerobics start on Tuesday February 12 at 5:30 p.m. We have had a lot of inquiries. So,

sign up! It’s \$3 per time and if you come twice in a week it is \$5. Now, if you are a member in our workout facility and pay \$20 already then you can just add \$10 to that and have unlimited exercise and aerobics twice a week for just \$30 a month! The exercise facility is starting to get more members now. We have started an individual biggest loser contest and we are challenging each other so come by and be part of our weight loss adventure. The first time is free and each additional time during your first month is \$3.

If you would like to rent our building for a birthday, anniversary, baby shower, etc. The rental fee is \$50 with a \$25 cleaning fee. The cleaning fee is returned if you leave the building in good condition. We appreciate your support.

Activities: Wednesday, Feb. 6 - 10:30 a.m.-Will you be my Valentine.

Thursday, Feb. - 7-10 a.m. Canasta tournament. 10 a.m.-breakin bad with bones (Dominos) 12 noon-out on the town 1 p.m.-card players • 6 p.m.-card players

Friday, Feb. 8-10:30-Valentine Bingo. 12 noon-Scrapbooking. 1 p.m.-Shopping spree.

Monday, Feb. 11 - 10 a.m.-chair exercise.

Tuesday, Feb. 12- 9 a.m.-outing/eat at Ryans

Menu

Wednesday, Feb. 6-pork roast, baked sweet potato, margarine cup, buttered spinach, corn muffin, fruit cup and skim milk.

Thursday, Feb. 7-beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, glazed carrots, w/w roll, margarine cup, banana and skim milk.

Friday, Feb. 8-fish sandwich on bun, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, margarine cup, w/w roll, brownie and skim milk.

Monday, Feb. 11-taco salad, cornbread, buttered corn, margarine cup, chocolate wafer, tropical fruit and skim milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 12-hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, banana, steamed broccoli, strawberry dessert and skim. milk.

Have the best week! Come visit us and you will receive a blessing.

The Wilderness Voice

By Pastor Tom Hoskins

FAR BETTER. When things are going well for us, no storms loom on the horizon, we have peace of mind and spirit and are free from mental and physical anguish, we feel as if we’d like to live forever on God’s earth. Such days pass too quickly and one finds himself reeling to and fro, tossed by the storms of life and at wit’s end staggering like a drunken man distressed and often in despair (Psalm 107:26, 27).

In those harrowed times one longs for another land, a land of peace and rest, a land free from pain, sorrow and sadness. A place described as “far better” (Phil. 1:23). A place where one can enjoy the uninterrupted presence of Christ. A place where the “for now” gives way to “far better” and will be “forever.” Press on weary pilgrim, that day is coming.

Area Announcements

The Mission House distributes CSFP (Cheese) Commodities monthly to Hickman County residents who are 60 years or over, meet the income guidelines, and are pre-registered. Pick up dates are Thursday & Friday after the third Tuesday of each month.

Every Monday:

- AA meets at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

First Monday:

- Masonic Lodge 131 F&AM meets the first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Second Monday:

- Library Board meets the second Monday at the library at 4.
- **The Hickman Co. Arts Council** meets at 4 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Young Center. The public is invited to attend. www.hickmancoarts.com.

Every Wednesday:

- 7 a.m.- Community Prayer Service at First United Methodist Church.

Every Wednesday and

Saturday:

- **The Hickman Co. Historical and Genealogical Society Center** at Clay and Jefferson open Wednesday & Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. For appointment, call LaDonna Latham at 653-4190 or Norma Gene Humphreys at 653-6208
- **The Hickman Co. Museum** is open every Wednesday from 1 - 4 p.m..
- **Hickman Co. Memorial Library** Open Tuesday through Friday from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **Hickman Co. Board of Education** normally meets the third Thursday of every month
- **Clinton City Council** meets first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Clinton City Hall and **Columbus City Council** meets at 6 p.m., the first Monday of the month at Columbus City Hall.
- **Hickman Co. Fiscal Court** will meet Monday, Feb. 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the upstairs courtroom in the courthouse.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church News

by Wanda Powell

On February 2, 2013 the congregation and Bro. James Kelly sang these beautiful songs, “Tell Me the Story of Jesus,” “Just a Closer Walk With Thee” and “I’ll Go Anywhere With Jesus.” I enjoyed the inspirational singing. Bro. David read the devotion from Psalm 17:6 “I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God; incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.”

Brother Randy McClure preached from (2 Samuel 9:1) “and David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

Jonathan had a son named Mephib-o-sheth who was lame on both his feet.

2Samuel9:13 “So Mephib-o-sheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the King’s table; and was lame on both his feet.”

Carrie and Darrell Powell and 27 other missionaries returned from Puerto Rico. They were repairing a house for someone named Victor. While they were there, someone got saved and accepted Jesus in their hearts. Amen!

Pray for those who are sick, Carlton Francis, Mary Burpo, Teresa Ferguson, Max Cooper, Billy Bratton, Sandra Collins and Joyce Gargus.

Bro. Randy touched our hearts by singing “It is Well With my Soul.” Jesus gives you joy in your life. The Lord is our strength.

On February 9 at 5 p.m. New Hope will be having their Valentine party. On Saturday, Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. Darrell and Carrie will be showing slides of their trip to Puerto Rico. Everyone is welcome to come.

May God bless everyone.

Fulton Co. Genealogical Society schedule for 2013

The Fulton County Genealogical Society is very excited about the programs and trips planned for this year. The society has an array of speakers and topics.

Richard Galloway, Priest of the Trinity Episcopal Church will be speaking about his “Time in India” on February 21. Mr. Bill Homra will speak about “The Naifeh Family” on March 21. On April 18, Terry Powell, Chief of the Fulton Police will speak about “The Gangs of Fulton” and on May 16, Mr. Bill Austin from the Discovery Park will speak about “The Grist Mill.” On August 15, Eddie Price will speak about his book “Widder’s Landing”. Mr. Price appears in period costume and tells about the Battle of Raisin during the War of 1812. He will have copies of his book, which sell for about \$28.00.

The society is busy securing speakers for the remainder of the year.

The Genealogical Society has several trips planned for this year, such as to the Pogue Library at Murray, the Bryant Memorial Library in Milan, Henry county Archives at Paris, Weakley County Archives at Dresden and the TN State Archives in Nashville. The exact dates and arrangements have not been finalized.

The Genealogical society meets at noon at the Keg on Lake Street the third Thursday of every month. Visitors are always welcome.

Officers for the year 2013 are President, Joan Livingston; Vice-President, Mary Louise Gossum; Treasurer, Elaine Allen; Secretary, Peggy Hale and Corresponding Secretary, Don Livingston.

If anyone is interested in joining the Fulton County Genealogical society, please contact Joan Livingston at 479-9726.

Second Baptist News

By Cynthia Walton

Bro. Dustin Cunningham, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Clinton, has an infectious joy and enthusiasm that captures the true spirit of Christianity. His messages on Sunday were from Isaiah 59 and I Kings 18.

On Sunday night after the message, Bro. Dustin baptized Jason Grubbs and Meagan Suiter into the fellowship of the church and presented them with Bibles from the church. They were also presented welcome baskets. On Sunday afternoon they had a very nice wedding household shower. They will be married at Second

on March 9.

Next Sunday morning, after the worship service, the youth are preparing a Valentine Banquet (spaghetti dinner and dessert). They will be accepting donations for a weekend at Jonathan Creek.

Happy birthday this week to Shelia Johnson, George Haggerty Sr. and Carolyn Stairs.

Happy anniversary this week to Lee and Annette Jones, George Jr. and Andrea Haggerty and Bro. Tom and Dorothy Hoskins.

They had an anniversary celebration at Arbor Place Sunday afternoon for Bud and Dorothy Brady for their

65th wedding anniversary.

On the prayer list were Austin Upshaw, Betty Burpo, Helen Holmes, Rose Haggerty, Josh Harpole, Bud and Dorothy Brady, Josephine Shadwick, Teen Garrison, Mildred Morrison, Bernice Malone, Ruth Jewell, Lee Pearson, Jean Anderson, Eloise Morrison, Jennifer Jackson, Jackie Ballard, Johnny Champion, Sherry Jones, Wilma King. Wanda Moon, Allen Tankersley, Donna Reynolds, Charlie Cannon, Howell Cannon and Bro. Rocky James.

Moore’s Chapel will have a Black History program on Sunday, February 24

Moore’s Chapel will host a Black History Program, Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013, at 3 p.m. The speaker for the evening will be Reverend Alex Thomas of Conyers, Ga, formerly of Clinton. Other guests will be from various churches. The public is invited to attend.

The Hickman County Board of Education will hold a special meeting February 7

The Hickman County Board of Education will meet in special session at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013 in the board of education offices located on Waterfield Drive, Clinton. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the security officer position.

KAPS Advisory Council to meet February 13

The KAPS Family Resource Center and Community Education Advisory Council will meet Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 11:45 a.m. in the Family Resource Center Conference

Hickman County awarded federal funds under The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program

Hickman County has been chosen to receive \$15,040 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., The Jewish Federations of North America; The Salvation Army; and United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of the county judge-executive and representatives of local organizations and churches will determine how the funds awarded Hickman County are to be distributed among the emergency and food and shelter programs run by local services agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds

and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/ or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Hickman County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Humanities, Inc., American Red Cross, and The Salvation Army. These agencies were responsible for providing rent, utility and food assistance in emergency situations.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Jo Ann Alexander, 111 West Clay Street in Clinton or by calling (270) 653-4494 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is February 8, 2013.

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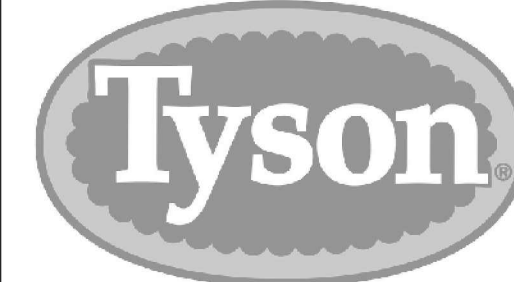


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By Ivan Potter
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I love the study of geo-politics and geography of central place theory. One deals with the give and take of political power. The other one deals with the give and take of consumer markets. Together this makes up my world. However, over the past three years I began adding one additional area of study and research: the give and take of climate change and extreme weather.

Two reports out this past week made me stop and look at the place I call home against the three areas of my research loves.

The first report said we will now refer to ourselves and where we live as Frontier and Remote.

The second report showed the growth of mega regions and mega cities for 2050. St Louis and Louisville were identified as the southernmost points for the expanded Great Lakes Urban Mega Region.

So, in my way of thinking this would be an excellent time to take a look at the (Star Trek reference here) Borg of Retail, Wal-Mart, and what it is doing to our little part of the universe.

I sense that there are deep cracks forming inside the mighty empire of cheap imported goods

and products. Wal-Mart is a retail creature chained by its association with the almost slave labor of Asia and the marketing strategies of vast shipping of containers crossing the Pacific well away from any American manufacturing plant.

The future is breathing down on Wal-Mart. New young customers are no longer excited by anything in the Wal-Mart world. Even the electronics inside the stores are looking out of date with the latest fads and market surges. However, in my world and that of West Kentucky, we all are lashed onto the back of Wal-Mart in Kentucky. State and local government have issued bonds for their stores. We allowed them to crush small businesses in the name of progress.

Our elected leaders allowed Wal-Mart to become our face for retail trade and community development. Now that mistake is catching up with West Kentucky.

We are entering a new age of awareness for economic opportunities of retail change within many of our small towns' central business districts. The question that needs to be asked is "Are we ready and up for this chance to create a new West Kentucky?"



Arts Council showcases new local artist

Sherry Roberts

The Hickman Council Arts Council is proud to present the breath-taking photographs of its newest member, Sherry Elders of Closer Look Photography in Fancy Farm. Please take the time to go view this talented photographer's work in the courthouse display case for the next few weeks. A little over a year ago, Sherry "borrowed" her husband's Canon camera and

began taking detailed close-ups of bees, ladybugs, butterflies, and the tiniest insects she could find. Sometimes, this involved getting stung, developing irritating rashes, or becoming extremely sore from the unusual position she had to maintain in order to get the perfect shot. With her camera set on macro, Sherry strives to bring out the minute details of lashes, wings, eyes, and markings that most of us never get to see up close. She

also photographs barns, flowers, weeds, and other nature scenes. Whatever the subject, she wants her photographs to soothe and offer a feeling of tranquility for the viewer.

Two of Sherry's photographs are on display by the Mayfield Art Guild at the "Ice House" February 5-March 2 in Mayfield. A great deal of her work can also be seen on Facebook under Sherry Elders (sfec1p@hotmail.com). Readers

may have read about Sherry and her husband in last week's Mayfield Messenger. Three years ago they purchased an Ellis Wilson watercolor painting and have donated it to be sold at a silent auction beginning February 25. Proceeds will go to the Mayfield-Graves County Needline/Food Pantry. Sherry can be contacted at 270-623-8025 for more information about her work or the painting she donated for silent auction.

Hypertufa, anyone? Locals may host class

Sherry Roberts

No, hypertufa isn't a medical term, a diet, or a nutritious food. Tufa rock is a cellular, porous rock found in limestone areas all around the world. It occurs as a result of erosion caused by rain and snow. Hypertufa is man made stone (or fake rock) made to look like the tufa rock.

So, why am I educating you about this weird sounding term? If you're creative and like to learn about the latest decorating trends, here's your chance.

Hypertufa Containers look so natural in the garden; they're plant friendly since the porous walls serve as a reservoir for pockets of water; and the containers are easy to move

from one location in your yard to another. Now, for the good news: those of you interested no longer have to go to Murray and other places in our area to learn how to make these containers. At the Arts Council meeting Monday night, we discovered that four Hickman County women (Lilly Kimbell, Katie Beck, Phyllis Whitlock, and

Dodie Gholson) have learned the technique and have already made one presentation. Mary Potter and I are hoping enough of you are as interested as we are to get these talented women to hold a class in Hickman County. If so, let me (or one of them) know and maybe we can arrange this opportunity.

Banner Day at Hickman County High School

Mary Potter

(Clinton, KY – January 30, 2013) – Chamber of Commerce Sophomore Leadership students Breann Jones, Alex Simmons, Harley Hinshaw and Sydney Harrison chose to focus on creating a logo for Hickman County as their program graduation project. The students researched and came up with four panels representing their home county.

According to the students, the first panel represents the agricultural nature of the community, the second their education, the third the county's location on the Mississippi River. The fourth panel depicts the importance of family in Hickman County. The students felt that their county is someplace special and decided that would be a fitting slogan for their logo.

Today, the four now juniors saw their project, once only on paper and a computer screen, on display at Hickman County High School as a big, bold colorful banner. The expanded version of their vision was painted by art teacher Rick Harrison, who also happens to be Sydney Harrison's father.

On the same day the banner went up, visiting the school were Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham, Court of Appeals Judge Shea Nickell and First District Circuit Judge Tim Langford, who were impressed by the banner. The Judges made a point to seek out program sponsors Beverly Hopkins, Melissa Goodman and Ivan Potter and compliment

them on the students' work.

The Leadership Program is a joint effort of the Hickman County Chamber and Hickman County Schools. Government agencies, individuals and businesses contribute time and money to the program, creating a sense of ownership by the community. In common with other student leadership programs, participants visit local businesses and government

agencies to learn about their community.

The Hickman County Chamber Leadership Class has additional features that make it unique. The program is offered at no cost to participants. Students are required to volunteer in the community, and in small teams research a topic of local interest, write a footnoted research paper, prepare a PowerPoint program and present their findings in a

competition at the end of year leadership graduation program attended by elected leaders, friends and family. The 2011-2012 program was exclusively sophomores. The 2012-2013 program is exclusively seniors.

The banner is a permanent installation. After Sydney, Alex, Harley and Breann graduate, future students, faculty and visitors will be enjoying their creativity.



COUNTY LOGO - Chamber of Commerce Sophomore Leadership students (in no particular order) Breann Jones, Alex Simmons, Harley Hinshaw and Sydney Harrison proudly stand beside their logo of Hickman County. The four panels represent agriculture, education, the Mississippi River, and family.

Jr. Falcons fall in middle school tournament

Charles Choate

The Hickman County Middle School Falcons held the lead at the end of three, of the four quarters of play, at Monday's District Tournament in Fulton. But it was the meltdown in the fourth period, that allowed Fulton County to erase a one time 10-point deficit, enroute to their 39-35 win. The Falcons played good basketball the first half, holding the Pilots go-to-man Davis Major to only three points, while Lane Branham sparked Hickman County to an 18-12 halftime advantage. The lead for the Falcons grew to 25-15 in the third period, when Jordan Naranjo hit an inside shot at the 2:19 mark. It was at this time that Fulton County mounted their

comeback, going on a 10-4 run to close the gap to 29-25 to start the fourth quarter. The Jr. Pilots tied the game at 31-31 with 3:52 on the clock, on a Davis Major shot, and took their first lead at 33-32 on two Taylor Sipes free throws. Fulton County then extended their biggest lead of the quarter, and game, when they went in front 37-33 with :46 to play. The 14-6 run by Fulton County in the final quarter sealed their trip to the championship game Thursday night. Jordan Naranjo led the Falcons with 13 points, with Brahnam adding 11. Demarcus Mason scored 6, Houston Holder and Dalton Jewell had 4 points each and Tyler Larkins had 1 point. Davis Major led all scorers for Fulton County with 17 points.



Photo by Charles Choate

BASELINE SHOT - Hickman County middle school player Demarcus Mason (20) lofts this baseline shot over Fulton County's D.J. Virgin and Davis Major, during tournament play Monday night in Fulton. Mason made the basket, but it was the Jr. Pilots who came from behind to beat the Falcons 39-35. (photo by Charles Choate)



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Falcons crush Bombers

Makenna LeBlanc

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, the Hickman County Falcons hosted the Ballard County Bombers. It was a tough night for the Junior Varsity and the Lady Falcons. Both teams were unable to match up to the Bombers.

During the girl's game, Senior Kennady Yarbrow stopped the ball game and got an excited applause from the crowd after she made her 1,010th point! That is a huge accomplishment, that not many players can claim.

It was a great night for the Varsity Falcons. They played an amazing game. The Falcons were ahead at half time, but the Bombers pulled ahead at the end and the two teams tied at 52 points with 1:2 seconds left on the clock. The game went into overtime, and the boys persevered and stepped up their defense to send the Bombers home with a loss! The final score was 62-57.



Photo by Makenna LeBlanc

REBOUND - Justin Jackson jumps for a rebound Tuesday night when the Falcons took on the Ballard Bombers. They dominated with a score of 62-57.

Varsity Falcons beat Murray

Makenna LeBlanc



Photo by Makenna LeBlanc

JUMP - Billy Speed goes up against a Murray player for a rebound Friday night during the Varsity boys game.

On Friday, February 1, the Hickman County Falcons hosted the Murray Tigers. There were three games for the night, starting off with the Freshman team and the Junior Varsity team. They played well, with good defense and strong teamwork, but both teams came up short in the end. The score for the Freshman team was 29-42, and the score for the Junior Varsity team was 31-45. However, the Varsity boys took the court ready to beat the Tigers. They were still in good spirits from their win against the Bombers a few night before, and they were ready to dominate in their home court once again. It was an easy game for the boys. They stayed in the lead the entire game. Senior Justin Jackson had a great night, getting most of his rebounds and playing aggressive offense. The final score for the game was 66-54.

The Falcons will play again February 5 against Fulton County at home. Also, this Friday, Feb. 9 the Falcons will play South Fulton at home and the Seniors will be recognized during the Senior night ceremony.

Yarbro hits 1,000 point mark

Hickman County Lady Falcon Kennady Yarbrow scored her 1,000th point on Tuesday, Jan. 22, while playing the Lady Pilots at Fulton County. Some would say that Yarbro has the basketball "gene" as her father, George Yarbro, joined the 1,000 point club as a Hickman County Falcon in 1988. Her older sister, Kayla, was also running up and down the court just a couple of years ago.

"Kennady has been involved in a lot of sports," her father said in an interview with *The Hickman County Gazette*. He explained that she has played volleyball, and basketball, and has also spent time with cheerleading and competitive dance.

It was only a few weeks ago, after a game against Carlisle County, that Yarbro began to realize that she would more than likely surpass the 1,000 point mark. After a stunning 30 point performance against the Lady Pilots, she was named the Biokinetic Local 6 Athlete of the Week, an honor bestowed on a player in the region each week with outstanding performance. When the game tipped off at Fulton County, she was only 11 points away.

"She didn't want to score any points against Fulton County," Kennady's mother, Lynn Yarbro said. "She wanted to score the 1,000th point on her home court. But the game must go on, and the Lady Falcons need their key players to score points if they intend to win. Even though she hit the milestone at an away game, honors were not ignored, and Fulton County was kind enough to let her keep the ball. And when she scored her next point at home against the Ballard County Lady Bombers, the game was stopped for a long

applause.

Yarbro plans to attend WKCTC after graduating from Hickman County High School to major in nursing and become a Phlebotomist. Unfortunately, WKCTC does not have a girl's basketball team.



FAMILY - From left: Kayla, Kennady, Lynn, and George Yarbro pose for a shot at *The Hickman County Gazette*. Kennady is holding the ball that she put through the basket to score her 1,000th point.



SUNSET - Jessica Cooley captured this beautiful photo of one of Hickman County's barns at sunset last week.

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on top.

Gardner is fouled and on her second free throw shot she misses and LaTavia rebounds for two points. At the end of the first quarter the score was 5-4 Hickman County. Due to the nervousness of both teams, many turnovers were made.

In the second quarter, Gardner goes up for a lay-up but is fouled and makes one shot from the behind the charity stripe. Gardner comes right back with two nice two-point baskets.

In an example of teamwork, Kerney makes a pass to Gardner and Gardner takes it in for a bucket. Thomas also comes up with a bucket. At half time the score is 17-11 Hickman County. Fans labeled this event a "Scrapper Ballgame".

Thomas and Myatt both come out of the half ready to play and make back-to-back

baskets. Myatt comes back for a third bucket. Gardner steals and makes a basket with 4:11 left in the third quarter putting the Jr. Falcons up by ten, 15-25.

Hickman County is making steals left and right. Burpo steals the ball and is fouled; she is able to make one of her free throws. Thomas comes back with a basket. Hickman County is making the Jr. Lady Pilots run out of time bringing the ball down the court. Kerney and Burpo both sink buckets.

With 3:44 left in the game and at this point, Hickman County is trying to knock some time off the clock. The Jr. Lady Falcons maintained a nice lead of nine points with the score of 32-23.

Gardner makes another two-points due to a steal. Kerney and Burpo both return to the goal with a basket. Kerney is fouled and makes one of her shots. Gardner steals twice and

both times is fouled and makes one shot out of both.

The buzzer sounds and the fans go crazy! The Jr. Lady Falcons have won the district championship with a final score of 41-25! The Jr. Lady Falcons have had a great season.



STEAL - Jr. Lady Falcon Sarah Gardner makes a fast break after stealing the ball from a Lady Bulldog.



DEFENSE - Junior Lady Falcon Alexis Burpo plays tough defense against Fulton County's Jekiya Warren during Thursday night's First District Middle School Championship

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Daugherty Graduates from MSU

Joseph Daugherty, of Clinton, graduated from Murray State University on Saturday, Dec. 15. He received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Science Technology. He is also one of those recognized on the Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have a grade point average above 3.5. Joseph is the son of Joey and Dana Daugherty, of Clinton.

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